

## **Section 11**

### **Board of Trustees for Fort Lewis College**

#### **Academic Affairs Approved Policies**

## **FIRST GENERATION STUDENT GRANT AWARD**

The First Generation Student Grant Award is administered on each campus on the basis of the following policies:

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The First Generation Grant Award is established by the Board to encourage the participation of first-generation students in higher education and to promote diversity of the student population at Fort Lewis College. The program is designed to assist resident students.

### **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for a First Generation Grant Award a student must:

1. Be a person neither of whose parents has earned a bachelor's degree, i.e., a "first generation" college student.
2. Be accepted for enrollment at Fort Lewis College in a program leading to a baccalaureate degree.
3. Be a Colorado resident as defined by Title 23, Article 7, C.R.S. if applying for the program as a resident student.

### **LIMITATIONS ON AWARDS**

#### **1. Resident Students**

Resident Student First Generation Grant Awards will be made in the approximate amount of tuition and mandatory fees for an academic year.

#### **2. Awards to Students Receiving Need-based Assistance**

Students receiving need-based financial aid programs shall not be precluded from receiving First Generation Awards. However, the Office of Financial Aid at the College must reduce need-based financial aid awards (except Pell Grants) when First Generation Grant Awards are given to students in amounts which would cause an over-award according to regulations governing those need-based financial aid programs. The Office of Financial Aid shall establish packaging policies for reducing unmet needs.

#### **3. Renewal of Awards**

First Generation Awards may be renewed contingent upon the student's maintaining satisfactory academic progress. Awards may be received for a maximum of ten (10)

semesters, unless special circumstances otherwise warrant. The Board reserves the right to discontinue the First Generation Grant Awards program.

## **ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM**

### **1. Institutional Responsibility**

The Office of Financial Aid has developed procedures for administering the program and is responsible for communicating these criteria to appropriate offices (e.g., Admission) prior to the awarding cycle. Institutional policy should also be sensitive to the Board's desire to broaden the diversity of students attending the College. The College will:

- A. Ensure that students meet the eligibility criteria.
- B. Obtain student acceptance of awards.
- C. Disburse funds.
- D. Provide annually a program report of outcomes to the Board.

### **2. Board Responsibilities**

The Board may review the annual report from the College regarding the First Generation Awards made during the preceding award year and will direct modifications as necessary.